

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Hunter et al.

Serial No.: 09/707,582

Art Unit:

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Examiner:



For: The Use of β 1,3-Glucan-Containing Compositions to Potentiate Immune Responses by Upregulating the Expression of Costimulatory Molecules

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Group Director, Group _____ (MPEP 1002.02(c))

**PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL
BECAUSE OF RELATION TO BIOTECHNOLOGY**

(37 CFR 1.102(c) AND MPEP §708.02XII)

Applicant hereby petitions to make this application special because the invention relates to biotechnology and applicants are a small entity.


As a showing of this fact, accompanying this petition is:

a declaration by an applicant stating that he is the owner of Immusonic and Immusonic is a small entity, as is established in the prosecution history. Further, the biotechnology subject matter of this application is a major asset of the Immusonic. As well, the development of the technology will be significantly impaired if examination of the application is delayed because the use of such product on the market could directly benefit mankind and any such delay simply delays the time that patent protection will exist on the subject matter of the patent. Therefore, delaying the time that the Applicant will produce the product for market. Further, any delay in prosecution of this application will add great expense to ongoing research for various aspects of the invention and will make it extremely hard for the Immusonic to continue to exist.

A fee has been included with this petition.

Respectfully submitted:

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